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K1 MEMORANDUM FOR: []

SUBJECT : Impact of One Year Stretch Out of
DIA/IRDHS

K1 1. [] has just phoned you from the Pentagon with a request for a quick appraisal of the significance of a one-year stretch-out of DIA's IRDHS.

K1 2. I have consulted [] COMIREX, and our joint view is as follows:

a. If the proposal is being made by a representative of DIA who is technically knowledgeable of the IRDHS system and of the DIA requirements on IRDHS to support DIA itself as well as the U&S Commands -- in this case, we assume DIA knows what it is doing and we see no reason to object. This does not impact directly on other parts of the Community to a sizeable degree.

b. If on the other hand the proposal comes from someone outside DIA, we suggest you make an effort to protect DIA's interests by ensuring that DIA is involved in this discussion and decision.

c. In system development terms, the stretch-out comes at a very difficult time. DIA should have up and running a system that can be tested by early 1976, if DIA is to have any real hope of being operational by late 1976. DIA's two main customers are its own staff and the U&S Commands. DIA's development of IRDHS is already lagging and with the best of efforts they are not going to have much except a bare bones system by late 1976. What DIA can or can't do in the next year will be critical to them. Our impression is that DIA's funding is already quite limited, and from a community standpoint a DIA capability that is too limited will pose strains on the community.

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In summary, therefore, it comes back to whether this proposal is being made and considered with DIA sitting at the table, or in their absence. We should do what we can to ensure that DIA is able to vote on this.

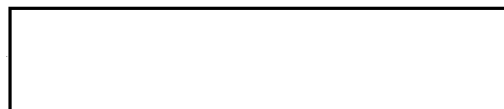


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